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COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A CONTROL UNIT

FOR ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEANS AS MASTER AND AT LEAST ONE CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR WEIGHT

MEASUREMENT IN A SEAT AS SLAVE, AND BUS

SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2008 (the three-month response date for which was January 3, 2009 and for which applicant respectfully petitions for one month extension of time in the accompanying transmittal), please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.